

Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

December 2, 2004
3:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, CA

Chair Lynnel Pollock called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of (8) members present.

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	Jane Dolan	Les Heringer	
Colusa	(Doug White)	Ben Carter	
Glenn	Denny Bungarz	(Don Anderson)	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	Dan Gover	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	Russell Young	
Tehama	(Bill Borrer)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	Lynnel Pollock	(Marc Faye)	
Resources Agency			Jim McKeivitt
Cal DWR			(Dwight Russell)
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			Pete Rabbon
USF&WS			Darrin Thome
USCOE			(Mark Charlton)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Frank Michny)
Names listed in parentheses represent absences			
Manager Burt Bundy			
Assistant Ellen Gentry			

Other attendees: Suellen Rowlison, River Partners; Woody Elliott, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); Gregg Werner, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Kristin Carter, CSU Chico; Dave Wood, CSU Chico; Jeff Sutton, Family Water Alliance; Vickie Newlin, California Bay Delta Authority (CBDA), Irenia Quitiquit, CBDA.

2. Unscheduled Matters – River Partners reported receiving Economic and Leadership Award from the Governor’s office.
Diane suggested re-naming the annual June Bar-B-Q after Mel Dodgin. Glenn moved to re-name the Bar-B-Q to “The Mel Dodgin Annual Bar-B-Q,” seconded by Jim. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Board sent a card to Mel’s wife, Margarite. The location for this year’s Bar-B-Q will be at Dan Gover’s ranch in Shasta County.
3. Consent Calendar – Jim McKeivitt made two changes to the September 16 notes: (page 4)
“...cause and effect of water withdrawals and contributions in determining overall responsibilities” (omitting contributor).
“...recognized problem and couldn’t support a letter of blanket opposition to additional fees.”
Jane Dolan related she was in attendance at the September 16 meeting.
Jane moved to accept the September 16 minutes as amended, seconded by Jim McKeivitt. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jane moved to accept the October 20 Executive Committee Notes, Lynnel seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Agency Reports

- a. Darrin – No US Fish and Wildlife report at this time.
- b. Pete – Reclamation Board - Hamilton City funding will be considered at the State level next year. Department of Water Resources will be coming out with white paper on state wide flood management in January. There will be recommendations on how to resolve flood management problems and how to operate and maintain the system presented to Legislature in January. The Water Education Foundation put on an excellent Flood Management conference in Sacramento in October.
- c. Diana – No Fish and Game report at this time. However, OCAP is meeting Monday afternoon, and a public workshop will be held Tuesday dealing with Delta exports.
- e. Vickie – Reported the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee is meeting the 8th and 9th, from 9:00-4:00 at the Sheraton to refine the finance plan.

5. Activities Report

2004 Advisory Council and Annual Report - Burt reported the Advisory Council met in a joint session with the California Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee Meeting, October 21. This provided an opportunity for Diana to give an historical overview of the SB 1086 program and display a graph of increased salmon numbers in the Sacramento River. She also gave the status of salmon since 1952. Stacy Cepello gave a PowerPoint on riparian habitat restoration, which was carried forward to the TAC group. Burt talked about the 2004 Annual Report, Strategic Plan and 2004 activities. He also discussed site specific and subreach planning, committee efforts (LAC, PILT), the capacity building process and a list of projects reviewed by the Board. Diana then followed up by answering questions about the SRCAF and the recently modified Project Tracker, www.srcafprojecttracker.org.

CALFED Monitoring PSP Update - Burt reported the monitoring PSP was discussed at the September meeting, with some interest to collaborate with group of entities. The process includes a review of about 50 application/outline proposals presented to the selection panel, which will meet in March. For those that qualify, a 30 day comment period will occur in March or April and then a review in May. Because of short time frame, several applicants presented drafts (incomplete proposals) at the last TAC. There will be two more TAC meetings to review proposals prior to coming before the Board (January target date).

CSU Chico is developing a proposal with budget allocation for outreach and public education. Normal review and milestones will still be covered (see Sept. Board Meeting Minutes, October notes and Executive Summary handout). Kristin Carter and Dave Wood outlined the 3 year Chico project: It is needs specific, checking that past funded projects were put through monitoring framework to see if they were meeting CALFED goals. It is an adaptive management process with specific indicators that will be analyzed and evaluated, covering 18 restoration sites from Colusa to Red Bluff. Kristin will send a map to Burt for the SRCAF website. Public comments, presentations and meetings will be held throughout process. Burt will send copies of the proposal for those that might want to participate in this

program as requested (Ben, Les, Jeff, Jim, Jane). If this project is accepted, and this Board chooses to participate, the subcontracting portion will be similar with Colusa Subreach Planning regarding outreach, public education, and project tracking (the technical staff person, now in the hiring process, will be assisting with these reference sites). Diane recommended a letter, as evidence as the project goes through process, be sent as part of this project stating that SRCAF will participate with the consortium as the Executive Committee has discussed. Jim moved that the Board authorize Burt to draft the letter supporting an evaluation to participate and assist and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Dan. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Cousa Subreach Update – Gregg Werner reported the advisory group met for the first time November 3. They are scheduled to meet again December 6 and the public is invited. The study will include a survey of landowners, public meetings, newsletters, website www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov, presentations to local groups, news releases and technical work. The concept is to work with local landowners and representatives on strategies of habitat restoration and issues that arise.

6. Board Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chair Lynnel Pollock reported that for the months the Board is not meeting, the Executive Committee will hold conference calls to help streamline schedules. Meeting notes will be on the Board agenda and in committee reports.

Board member Denny Bungarz joined the meeting.

Board Development Committee – Manager Burt Bundy reported on the Board recruitment process. Letters have been sent to each of seven counties. Presentations have been offered to each county. There have been a few responses indicating that Boards of Supervisors are moving forward. Burt asked the Board to consider election of officers in January. He will email the Board Development Committee and send their recommendation out for the January meeting.

Financial Capacity Committee – Jim McKevitt reported the committee has not had an opportunity to meet, but is scheduled December 16.

LAC- Ben Carter reported LAC having met twice since the last Board meeting. They are continuing efforts on the Legaci grant, and have enlisted support of the DF&G and F&W Service. A guest speaker at the last meeting, Susan Kester, Sustainable Conservation, is putting together safe harbor agreements on a smaller scale. Next meeting is scheduled for January 27 at Colusa Farm Bureau, 10am. The Legaci tech team is meeting on 15th in Sacramento at the Resources Bldg.

TAC – Burt reported the TAC met November 2 where Kelly Moroney gave report on comprehensive management plan, Woody Elliot reported on the Brayton acquisition, and Gregg talked about Colusa Subreach. New projects: ERP Monitoring proposal coordination; Kristin Carter, CSU Chico; Dan Efseaff, River Partners; and Greg Golet, TNC. CBDA and TNC staff held a meeting November 16 at Ord Bend where Rebecca Fris and Ryan Luster talked about the CEQA process for properties in the area to be restored.

PILT

Denny reported Working Landscapes approved recommendations (background available in handout). Vickie Newman has the review that can be sent out if needed. Glenn moved that this Board send a letter to BDPAC supporting recommendations on PILT recommendations; seconded by Jane. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Future meeting dates

The next Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for January 20 and March 17 in Willows, at 1:30 prior to the Board meeting. Staff will email Board members of availability for a February Conference call.

A presentation, for commitment and leadership, was made to Lynnel Pollock, outgoing Chair, by Burt on behalf of the SRCAF Board.

It was requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mel Dodgin, one of the founding SRCAF Board members.